

NO MONEY ASKED BY NEW WAR CHARITY

"Just a Minute of Time" Taken
by Prepossessing Woman to
Tell Plan to Busy Men.

'JUNK' TURNED INTO CASH

Mrs. Othman Stevens's Idea
May Make the Red Cross—
Self-Supporting.

The sight and sound of a prepossessing woman entering a business office these days and saying to the boss, "I want just a minute of your time to tell you about a new charity enterprise but—I don't want a cent of your money now or ever"—such a thing really can happen these days, so it was learned authoritatively yesterday. And partly because the lady in question can make such a speech homely, and largely because she can follow this up with a two minute outline of a scheme for war relief that is amazingly effective and simple, her success is destined to become historic in the annals of war work.

Her name is Mrs. Othman Stevens, and she and her home city of Los Angeles, which is just now at the height of her ideas, are not only making much money for the Red Cross without asking a cent from any one, but at the same time Mrs. Stevens and those now helping her unobtrusively are incalculably means of her new idea, a beneficent spirit of commercial and economic economy which is good for the soul in days like these.

How the Scheme Works in West.

Some notion of what Mrs. Stevens's scheme has accomplished in Los Angeles and vicinity reached Manhattan yesterday afternoon when one of her most enthusiastic supporters, Mrs. Theodore S. Carlin, outlined at the Hotel Marie Antoinette the work Mrs. Stevens and her coworkers in the West have done. So remarkable has been Mrs. Stevens's success in Los Angeles that she is now, through Mrs. Carlin, arranging for the starting of a similar campaign here and it is believed that by the first of the new year the Red Cross will make the idea a national one.

Mrs. Stevens and her husband, to begin at the beginning, recalled about five months ago that once upon a time when a needy friend of theirs was ill they had helped to tide him through his troubles largely by the well known and unimagined method of saving the bits of tin foil which they and their friends ordinarily would have thrown away. Therein lay the germ of an idea which Mrs. Stevens has so developed that today in Los Angeles automobiles fly about with contributions that range from empty soda cream bottles to blown out auto tires and inner tubes. Billy Sunday boasts the idea to audiences of thousands twice a day, and Regular Army officers keep an eye out for the big canisters so that articles formerly thought useless are now, through Mrs. Stevens, sold back to the manufacturers after rendering full service around the cantonment. Bundles of ancient newspapers are sold at \$17.50 a ton and the money turned into the Liberty Bonds for the Red Cross and 1,400 women volunteer collectors of Los Angeles—and many men workers, too—collect and salvage and bundle and tie up and sell until the evening and morning are one day.

When Junk Is No Longer Junk.

A big, perhaps the biggest, note in Mrs. Stevens's salvage scheme about to be taken up here is that by her method she does not merely collect junk and sell it as junk; her idea is to salvage the waste of the day and turn it into an extravagant America thought was waste until Mrs. Stevens got the Los Angeles chapter of the Red Cross interested in her project, and then get the manufacturers to buy back that "waste" and resell it to a satisfied public to the mutual advantage of manufacturer and consumer. And this at a time when the saving of every scrap of metal, glass, rubber, in fact any manufactured material, is not only desirable but an absolute necessity.

As a concrete instance Mrs. Stevens heard by chance recently of a big contract for typewriting supplies which had just been let by the War Department for the army. Ordinarily every little metal spool wound with typewriting tape, every little tin container holding such spools of ribbon, the tin boxes containing carbon paper and similar seemingly unimportant items in the army order would have been thrown away. In Los Angeles alone 30,000 of these spools and little tin boxes were thrown into office waste baskets a month. Mrs. Carlin, acting for Mrs. Stevens, went to the army officials and asked for the empty spools and boxes in that single consignment of typewriting materials. The Los Angeles chapter got the "worthless" pieces of metal, the spools and boxes will go back to the manufacturer for a consideration, and out of this one transaction the Red Cross treasury is enriched a trifle more than \$1,500—all this by the saving and selling of tiny bits of metal which, if it were not for the Stevens idea, would have gone to litter a dump heap.

Scope of Plan Limitless.

As the plan progresses it has become patent to Mrs. Stevens and those helping her that the materials to be salvaged may be almost limitless. Manufacturers who at first balked at buying back "worthless" spools, cold cream bottles, metal containers and the like welcomed the idea with gusto the minute Mrs. Stevens hit upon the idea of having legends printed—first having obtained permission from the Red Cross to do so—which were placed upon the articles to inform the public that "seconds" were being sold solely because the spools, etc.,

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had been "Salvaged by the Los Angeles Chapter of the Red Cross." When the right time comes along it is intended to have manufacturers of cameras, chewing gums, toilet waters, to name an innumerable other goods to close in each package of their goods notices to the public that the box, spool, foil, bottle or what not enclosed may be salvaged by the Red Cross. Those who have made the closest study of the results of Mrs. Stevens's idea in the West are convinced that if the plan is made a national one the Red Cross will become absolutely self-supporting thereby within a short time.

Old newspapers are the biggest financial help in all the salvaging, but to bring in best returns the newspapers should be bundled so that the bundles contain only news print paper. Bundles of newspapers alone bring \$17.50 a ton, whereas baled waste paper—containing all sorts of waste paper mixed in with the newspapers—can be sold by Mrs. Stevens and her coworkers at only \$3 a ton.

In Los Angeles the local school houses are used as centers for the collecting of the articles salvaged, and the city is divided into districts with a woman volunteer collecting in each four blocks and a captain directing the work of forty blocks. On the king pin of organizers, Billy Sunday, was amazed with the systematized organization now in force in Los Angeles. And the work is now under the Red Cross, and the organization until it is nationwide.

NEW CHARGES MADE AGAINST MELLOWS

Sinn Fein Faces 7 Years in
Prison and Fines Amount-
ing to \$12,000.

"Gen." Liam Mellows, the Sinn Fein leader who is under arrest here for his attempt to get back to Ireland by use of perjured papers, is to be prosecuted under the espionage act, according to information given out yesterday by Federal authorities.

At present the small blond Celt whose seizure with Baron Max von Recklinghausen barred a plot to launch a new Irish revolution, is being held only on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the Government in obtaining a passport. He is charged with five years imprisonment and \$12,000 fine. He stated that Mellows can be tried on these as well as the conspiracy accusation, and if convicted receive seven years imprisonment and \$12,000 fine.

SINN FEINERS CONVEY.

Secretary Reports Membership of
Quarter of a Million.

DUBLIN, Oct. 25.—The Sinn Fein Conference opened to-day under the presidency of Arthur Griffith, founder of the organization. There were seven hundred delegates present, including many young priests.

The secretary reported that more than one thousand clubs had been organized with a membership of a quarter of a million.

PUPILS ROUT SCHOOL STRIKERS.

Discipline Squad Suppresses Out-
break at De Witt Clinton.

Detroit's Discipline Squad, organized by Prof. Aaron Doty, and composed of fifty husky youngsters of De Witt Clinton High School, raided a gathering of pupils yesterday when said gathering tried to revive the strike that had been poster the authorities for some days.

The squad divided into three groups and went right after the strikers. One hundred of the obnoxious were corralled and interned in short order, and then the squad went over to Central Park and rounded up twenty-five more who had gone over to see the German U-boat.

A group of sailors saw four of the squad dragging a captive back to school, and called only with the idea that it was a case of four jumping onto one, they rescued the culprit, put him in a taxi and sent him on his way. The squad caught another automobile, chased the taxi and got the name and address of the striker, who will face Principal Paul for subsequent proceedings as come in such cases to boys who tempt fate by insurrection.

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WOMAN ON THE JOB AS SUBWAY GUARD

B. R. T. Starts Her Off on the
Local Trains of Bay
Ridge Lines.

RIDERS TAKE NO NOTE

Busy Themselves in News-
papers as if She Was Any
Other Standing Woman.

Woman subway guards are here. Nine of them blossomed into view yesterday afternoon on the Fourth Avenue (Brooklyn) line. The public for whom they opened doors and called out stations were more fussed by the innovation than they were. They did their work with poise and despatch, earned their 21 cents an hour and immediately became a New York Institution.

Their first test couldn't have been more taxing. They took their posts on Bay Ridge locals at the start of the rush hour and stuck until it ended. The frantic thousands at the Chambers street station under the Municipal Building spilled past the uniformed figures at the door of the car so feverishly that few of them realized until the river was being crossed that the lower part of the guard's uniform was a plain dark skirt.

After further scrutiny Mr. Bay Ridge nudged his neighbor and said: "Guard a woman," and the neighbor nudged somebody else until finally the whole car was aware that the feminist movement has indeed penetrated the earth's crust.

Back to the Sun Dial Again.

It takes more than that to keep a Brooklynite's face out of his evening paper very long, however. The crowd scrutinized the apparition for a moment, noted that she understood her business and gave it her unwavering attention, voted her all right and resumed its reading.

The first woman guard commissioned by the B. R. T. was Miss Etta Pawcett. She was in charge of the middle car of a train that left thirty-sixth street, Brooklyn, at 4:30, headed for Chambers street, Manhattan. One of her passengers was T. F. Brewer, superintendent of the company's bridge divisions. He didn't have to be there; Miss Pawcett, after two weeks' training, was competent but Mr. Brewer thought he'd just ride along as an official eye witness.

At each station the new guard inserted in a plate in front of her a key which makes the electric contact and without which no door can open. Then she pressed a single button and all three doors on her side of the car were slid open by air pressure. Leaving from the door post, she surveyed the station platform to make sure that everybody who wanted to board her car had done it. She pressed another button and the doors closed. That, it seemed, is all that a guard has to do beyond calling the stations.

She Likes Her New Job.

Miss Pawcett did not once about "Watch your step," probably because the new subway has no gaps between platform and train wherein a traveller may be squelched. A Sun reporter who by paying a nickel was privileged to be one of Miss Pawcett's passengers asked her how she liked her job.

"Fine," she said, permitting her dark eyes to rove neither to right nor left. "What were you doing before?"

"Selling tickets on the 'L'." Before that I was a saleswoman in a department store."

"You like this as well?"

"Much better—I get 22 cents an hour. It's hard work."

"Not at all—it's grand."

In the other cars the guards were men. For the present there will be not more than one woman to a train. All the women are ticket sellers who, as occasion requires, are assigned to guard duty, for which they get blue caps and brass buttoned coats and supply dark skirts of their own. Miss Pawcett's number, lettered on her cap, is 5447. The women get another automobile, chased the taxi and got the name and address of the striker, who will face Principal Paul for subsequent proceedings as come in such cases to boys who tempt fate by insurrection.

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MAYOR "LAID DOWN" IN RIOTS, SAYS TRIPP

Illinois Militia Officer Himself
Made Uneasy on Stand.

WAR TAXES TO HIT HOLDING COMPANIES

Experts Plan to Exclude Stock
of Subsidiary Concerns
From Capital.

ENEMY PROPERTY LIABLE

McAdoo Will Accept Liberty
Bonds in Lieu of Surety
Company Obligations.

Special Despatch to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Internal revenue officials are bending every effort to reach a general definition of capital upon which to compute the many new and complicated taxes contained in the War Revenue Law. There is some prospect of this definition being ready by December 1.

It can be stated with authority that companies and corporations holding the bonds and stocks of other companies will not be permitted to include such bonds and stocks as a part of their capital. Such bonds will be taxed through the company issuing them, and cannot be accounted as a portion of the capital of the company holding the securities, although a very considerable amount of money is invested in them.

The law will be interpreted rigidly upon the investment of capital. Yet the holding companies cannot count as part of their capital any of the money invested in the stock of subsidiary companies as under the law.

The Internal Revenue Bureau is making preparations for the collecting of the first big tax under the new law—the floor stock tax.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has decided, it became known to-night, to accept Liberty bonds as security for the payment of the floor taxes when they are due in lieu of surety bonds.

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ON HIGHER POSTAGE
Three Cents Needed to Carry
Letters After Nov. 2.

A lot of those celebrated city slickers who have been largely instrumental in making Manhattan what the folk from the provinces think it is but which it is not, have heard so much about hoarding stuff that they have started in feverishly to hoard two cent postage stamps in anticipation of the increased postage rates which go into effect November 2. All over the town, and especially around Times Square, where, as everybody knows, the slickers are so slick they add whenever they try to walk straight, the stamp hoarders are marching en masse into drug stores and buying all the two cent stamps in sight.

They do not intend to be stuck for any three cents postage. They intend to lay in a supply of postage stamps for use when the prices go up.